

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas A. Beck on 1/12/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, at line 29 (line 3 of second page of the claim), before "finger portion", -- straight-- has been deleted.

In claim 1, at line 32 (line 6 of second page of the claim), before "finger portions", -- straight-- has been deleted.

Claims 7-9, 13 and 16-20 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1,3-4,6,12 and 14-15 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record either taken singularly or in combination fails to disclose the invention as claimed. In particular, reference to Lee (US 6,008,989) are the closest prior art but fails to disclose that the heat sink modular assembly having a plurality of support fin members being formed from heat conducting material sheets; a plurality of parallel beam members having first and second side wall in contact with the first and second inside surface of the first and second arms of the support fin member;

and the finger portions folded inwardly beneath the beam forming a compliant interface in contact with the heat source to dissipate heat emanating from the heat source to the heat sink, in combination with other limitation of the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tho v. Duong whose telephone number is 571-272-4793. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tyler J. Cheryl can be reached on 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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